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We have been concerned about exploiting potential sources of information which might enable us to anticipate Chinese Communist action in Southeast Asia. Find particular need to know aftermath of support Vietnam rallies in countryside, particularly in Kwangtung-Kwangsi-Yunnan region, and what unpublicized instructions may have been given.

Has ConGen obtained any recent provincial or hsien newspaper for area? Realize difficulties involved but hope renewed efforts can be made. Most importantly, hope that available papers can be handled on priority basis, promptly perused and treatment of Vietnam issue reported to Washington. Appreciated receipt provincial radio station report 69 and hope more attention might be paid to variation in demands and pledges.

Since refugees acquainted with period may be due for interrogation shortly, please forward questions through USARMLC to ascertain their knowledge of rallies, other meetings, plans, preparations, and public attitudes toward situation. Can we assume that extraordinary information along these lines would reach you promptly, before the interrogation reports themselves?

Analysts at Union Research Institute might also have contacts and information which, together with their long acquaintance with Chinese

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Communist materials at times of crisis, might produce educated comment on indicators of Peiping's intentions. FYI Department no longer receives URI reports.

Would also appreciate any suggestions you might have for improving collection and analysis on this problem.

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